

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 25-51 are pending in the application. Claims 25-51 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Applicants have elected Group I – Claims 25-39 and 48-51 with traverse. Claims 40-47 have been cancelled as being directed to non-elected claim group.

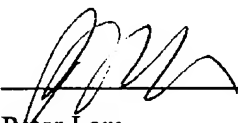
The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 408-765-8648 if there remains any issue with allowance of this case.

It is respectfully requested that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome. Favorable action is respectfully solicited. Allowance of the Claims is respectfully requested.

Please charge any additional charges to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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